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## IMAM MOHAMAD BASHAR ARAFAT and MRS. KIMBERLY KING

*By Jonas Rappeport*

Since the infamous attack on America of 9/11 many of us here had negative feelings about the Islamic religion even though our better sense tells us that we should not blame all of the Muslims for the actions of a few. The Open Forum program of Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> gave us answers to our perplexing thoughts.

We had the pleasure of an hour talk with Q and A from Mrs. King, the wife of the Imam, since his arrival from Washington was delayed by traffic. Kim is American, born and raised in Ohio as a Christian. She served 4 years in the U.S. Army and eventually settled in Baltimore and converted to Islam. After she converted, she met Imam Bashar and began taking classes with him. After two years, she proposed to him. They met in public places four times and then he asked her if she was ready to set a date for their wedding. To most in the audience this seemed to be an "unusual" courtship since there was no romance or intimacy. She described the approach as more contractual than a traditional American courtship. They discussed everything from marital hopes and expectations to finances, educational and professional pursuits, child-rearing, in-law involvement, and, probably more importantly, basing their decisions in their relationship on the teachings and guidance in the Qur'an and Sunnah. They also agreed to incorporate into their lives the best of American culture and the best of Syrian culture. There were a few questions about this and, more, another surprise when asked where they spent their wedding night and discovered it was spent at her home talking and that their marriage was not consummated immediately. They took their time to enjoy getting to know one another. Lest we thought that this was a chaste marriage, they have produced four children; the oldest is 13. They live in Woodlawn near the Al Rahmah Mosque on Johnnycake Road, at which he was Imam from 1989 to 2003. There is also an Islamic School located on the premises, which all four of their children attend. The eld-

est, a daughter, will go to public school in the fall as the Muslim school currently goes to only the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Imam, who was born and raised in Damascus, Syria was mentored for many years by the Grand Mufti of Syria, Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro. Imam Bashar then served as an Imam in Damascus for several years. He was invited to the U.S. in 1989 where he remains a voice of Islam. Since 2005, he has been lecturing throughout the world for the State Department's International Speakers Bureau.

Kim told us about the organization the Imam began, called Civilizations Exchange and Cooperation Foundation. The focus of CECF is to bring together people of different beliefs and cultures for dialogue with the hope of developing better understanding about one another. This organization conducts annual conferences for high school students from 24 to 28 countries around the world. They live together for four days, engage in discussions and workshops about diversity, cultural traditions, leadership approaches and style, and visit different houses of worship such as a church, mosque and synagogue, in order to help them understand each other's beliefs.

Kim discussed the belief in Islam that people of all religions are to be respected and that a Muslim has a responsibility to help others, regardless of belief, when necessary. She gave a couple of examples of how her family helps one of their neighbors, who has Multiple-Sclerosis. They help her carry in groceries, take out trash, get mail and other miscellaneous tasks that are really difficult for her to do. Also, Christian neighbors in Baltimore sent messages offering to help the Muslims after 9/11 when there was much animosity towards them in the general community. One way they helped was to offer to accompany Muslim women to the stores, in case they feared that acts of hostility might be directed their way.

Kim spoke of the importance of modesty for Muslim women, which explained why many of them

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**NEWLY ARRIVED  
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**QUAKER AUTHORS' TALK***By Elizabeth Koopman and Malcolm Sherman*

On Thursday, May 21, at 1 :30 p.m., in the auditorium, the Broadmead Multicultural Committee, in collaboration with Friends General Conference, (Quaker), is sponsoring a Quaker authors' talk. Donna McDaniel (of New England Yearly Meeting) and Vanessa Juley (Of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) will speak. Their book, *Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice*, was published in February 2009. In the words of Cornel West, Princeton University, "The legendary status of Quakers in the struggle for Black freedom undergoes serious scrutiny and critique in this courageous and visionary book. This timely examination is a challenge to us all in the age of Obama."

Please join Broadmead residents in learning more about our journey to racial inclusion and respect. Refreshments will be served.

**TRAIL DAY***by Ted Wilson*

The woodland trail system is open throughout the year and provides a shady walking place that is usually cooler than the open perimeter road. At the start of the system, the Focal Point, one can go to the right along the Dogwood path and follow it all the way to the road to Hill House. If one turns to the left at the Focal Point the Trail leads to the Summer House and then continues at the Beech path down a slope to the meadow that is on the left as one enters Broadmead. Both of the above paths provide access to the Ridge path which runs along the top of the hill and which gives access to the newest path called the North Trail. This makes a loop through the woods over to the Provenza property and connects with the Beech path near the meadow at Broadmead's entrance.

Deer, squirrels and a variety of birds may be encountered in the woods, and wildflowers are seen in their season. There are benches at various spots where one can stop and rest and hiking poles can be found to assist in walking. Trail Day is a special event in spring when members of the community at Broadmead are urged to come outdoors and sample our woodland trails.

**IN MEMORIAM****Marjorie E. Wiest**

January 18, 1919

March 10, 2009

**Edwardine Slaughter**

June 16, 1918

March 30, 2009

**Edna T. Kehoe**

November 1, 1918

April 19, 2009



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wear scarves, shawls and long skirts. In response to questions about praying together with males, she explained that the reason for separation was mainly to encourage focus during prayers and discourage thoughts of each gender from wandering. She prefers to sit behind a low partition, so she can see the Imam or speaker, but not the men and vice versa.

There were questions about the practices of Muslims around the world that were so violent and restrictive of women's activities supposedly "in the name of God and Mohammad". Kim, and, later the Imam, explained that these reprehensible activities were not part of Islam, but reflected the CULTURE of individual countries, people, rulers and "religious" fanatics. As she said, can you imagine that God (Allah) or Prophet Muhammad would condone Muslim women not being permitted to drive, forced to stay in the house and prevented from receiving an education? This is not Islam, which is a loving and giving religion and encourages mankind to read and learn about the creation around them. In doing so, you learn about and grow closer to your Creator. She pointed out that even in America, we have to look at where religion stops and culture begins. As for the violence demonstrated by some Muslims, she pointed out several times the Prophet Muhammad said: **"If you kill one person, it's as if you killed all of humanity."**

The Imam finally arrived at 8 PM, and, despite the hour, no one left. He told us that Islam equaled PEACE, surrender to the Will of Almighty God. Our life is but a shadow of the real life to come, a permanent youth. This life is a test. In the Quran, GOD is the Merciful, Compassionate. Muslims pray 5 times a day to feel the Almighty and to stay connected. The Quran tells us to respect everyone, and GOD will be the judge.

From the audience came the comment: "You have described a peaceful Islam, but we see otherwise." The Imam explained that since the fall of communism, Islam has become "the perceived threat". He pointed out the violence of other religions, such as the Crusades of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, the British in the Middle East, etc. None of this was strictly religion based; it was politics and power. Also, in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, those trying to do good in the Middle East were not allowed to prosper.

We were invited to visit the mosque and school in Woodlawn, in order to gain a greater understanding of Islam and its practitioners. The session continued until 8:30 and not a soul had left, when it ended with solid applause.

## A TRIP TO A DISTANT HOSPITAL

On April 18th, our popular Nurse Practitioner, Ana Straw, told us of her wonderfully giving adventure on a medical mission to Kyrgyzstan. Along with her rather inspiring PowerPoint presentation she introduced Gulzat, a young Kyrgyzstani woman who had become the wife of an American male nurse who was on the mission. Additionally, she brought along some native garments and dressed a couple of residents in them.



Above we see Tom Barnes and Fran Beasley in some of the Kyrgyzstani garments that Ana brought to her presentation.



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## CONSERVATION

*by Bob Morrison*

The use of bottled water, as previously explained in the January "VOICE", contributes to environmental pollution and global warming and therefore should be avoided. Here is an alternative that provides filtered water that tastes great. It is the Brita Filter pitcher which holds five cups of water, costs \$11.49 and is available at Giant. Replacement filters are \$8.19 apiece or five for \$30.49.

Several Broadmead residents (including myself) have been using these filters for some time and find them satisfactory. This is a logical solution to providing better tasting water at a lower cost than bottled water and without the polluting problems associated with the plastic bottle material.

## REACTION TO 'ELDERHOOD'

*By Virginia Cooley*

Welcome, dear friends, to "Elderhood"  
We must be wise, we must be good  
We must be older than just plain old  
We must have lived through times untold  
So celebrate this awesome state,  
If you can meet those rules, but wait!!  
I'm still learning, having fun  
From "Elderhood", I'm on the run,  
I'm an older adult, and proud to be  
Not wiser or better, I'm just plain ME



*Editor's note: This article was suggested by Lois Forbush, who brought to our attention an article in The Baltimore Sun, from some months ago, concerning Mr. Bond.*

## JAMES EMERY BOND

*By Fran Beasley*

The grandfather of Bernard Queen, Broadmead's Director of Food Services, was one James Emery Bond. Mr. Bond lived on Mount Street, just a few blocks from Union Square, on which the home of H. L. Mencken fronted. It is possible that Mr. Bond and Mr. Mencken exchanged greetings on the street.

But on a February night in 1964 Mencken and thousands of other people heard James Emery Bond's homespun but wise style of speaking for an uninterrupted hour on prime-time television. He was responding to a panel of judges and law-enforcement officials who had discussed, on a local station, the rising crime rate in Baltimore. Viewers were invited to contact the station with any comments.

Parts of the program disturbed Mr. Bond, and he thought hard upon it. The next morning this 75-year-old retired truck driver walked three miles to the WBAL TV studio. Upon entering, he miraculously bypassed those in the outer office and walked directly into the inner sanctum of the management. He was put before a camera and asked to record his ideas for reducing crime in Baltimore. The manager was extremely impressed and listened to his story for over an hour without interruption. He then ordered the tape to be edited for telecast, and, on that very night, at 9:00, "Conversations with James Emery Bond" was aired without a commercial break for exactly one hour. Thousands of people responded positively to Bond's unfettered, wise, common-sense comments.

WBAL aired the program twice more before they shipped copies around the country. It was viewed on television screens in every major market and many smaller ones. The program won an Emmy.

On that tape Mr. Bond spoke of his own his-

tory. He told of his early hatred of the white man - learned from stories he had heard from ex-slaves, speaking of the horrors they had suffered. He also remembered the taunts and cruelty he himself had been subjected to as a boy in the south.

However, when he was "25 years and 6 months" old he found peace through The Gospel. It was then that he stepped up to the preacher, as was the custom, and said that that day changed him from someone who hated to someone who loved.

His homespun eloquence was on record at The Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, in an exhibit titled "One Night in '64" on African American views and television in the civil rights era. A staff member of WBAL and Bond's son, Frank Bond Sr., put this together; unfortunately, it closed on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

"That some folks are talking about the injustices, some folks are talking about the thorns, and they're terrible, they're mean, there's bloody poison in them and they're nasty. But, brother, I'm looking at the rose and I'm handling the rose and I'm inhaling the rose and I'm inhaling the sweet aroma that the rose throws out and just avoiding the thorns carefully."

James Emery Bond, a very wise man, recorded those words along with many others in that notable broadcast in 1964.

Recently I sat with Bernard Queen and talked about his grandfather. Bernard was raised by his grandparents. He told me that his grandfather was loving but stern. Bernard remembered that, at age seven, his grandfather lectured him on the importance of dealing kindly with women, to respect them if you want to be a success in life, to work hard, to keep your shoes shined. (They had shoe inspection every day.)

James Emery Bond became a preacher at their church on Gilmor Street, to which the family went almost every day. The disciplines were to help the children in adult life.

Imitation is said to be a great sign of love and appreciation. It must be true; Bernard led his family in the way his grandfather taught him.



## AUDACIOUS THINKING

*By Malcolm Sherman*

Diana Morris, the Director of the Open Society Institute, Baltimore, heads the only field office focused on a particular U.S. city within the international network of foundations established by financier and philanthropist George Soros. On April 16<sup>th</sup> Morris galvanized the Open Forum audience as she described the work of OSI in drug addiction, over-reliance on incarceration, and obstacles that impede youth in succeeding inside and outside the classroom. Following are some excerpts from her talk.

"Heroin addiction has plagued Baltimore for years. Immediately after the FDA approved buprenorphine to treat heroin addiction, the OSI advocated for its greater use in Baltimore."

"OSI supported efforts to educate physicians about its efficacy and encouraged community health centers and drug clinics supported by Baltimore Substance Systems to offer buprenorphine, making treatment much more widely available. Along with other funding partners, OSI persuaded hospitals to treat inpatients for addiction and when appropriate transfer them to physicians' practices."

"Every year about 8,000 individuals are released from prison and return to Baltimore City. Many of these adults have limited education and low job skills and are homeless. They face overwhelming odds. Nearly 50% of people released from Maryland prisons are imprisoned again within 3 years."

"OSI actively works to provide prisoners with pre-release services, such as drug addiction treatment, and funds programs to make their transition into the community more effective by supporting community-based treatment, job training and other services, including working with employers to address their concerns in hiring people with criminal histories."

"In 2006-2007, 16,952 students were suspended in Baltimore City Schools. This resulted in school absences and represented 12.5% of the total enrollment."

"OSI has brought nationally recognized leaders to Baltimore to talk about the negative effects of suspension on children, has pulled together data to let city leaders understand the scale of the problem, and, together with key partners, funded model pro-

grams that provide suspension alternatives for schools – many of which have now been adopted. OSI engaged experts to help revamp the discipline code."

"In only one city school OSI created new horizons for kids by the formation of a debating team. The debate program was most successful as the team won many debates as they visited other schools. The trophies the team won were as big as athletic trophies. The debate team program caught on with other city schools. Of the children in the debating group, 90% graduated and many went on to colleges. Of those children not in the debating programs, 49% dropped out of school."

"OSI created the Baltimore Community Fellowships Program. Each year up to ten individuals are added to the ranks of this new thriving group of nearly 100 social entrepreneurs, all committed to change and to revitalizing Baltimore City. Fellows are given a stipend to support their work for 12 months. In addition, they receive financial support, including seed money for launching their ideas, travel, medical expenses and education costs when applicable. Throughout their fellowship, and frequently beyond, they are given advice and support by OSI Baltimore staff members and other leaders in their fields to ensure their ideas have a stable foundation and long term viability. Of the Baltimore Community Fellows, 87% continue to do important work in the city long after they complete their fellowships."

"In the past 10 years, George Soros has invested \$60 million in OSI Baltimore. Locally, the Baltimore Community has raised \$12 million towards a \$20 million challenge goal set by George Soros. In recognition of the success of the local fund-raising, George Soros has promised to continue to cover the operations and overhead expenses well into the future."

"OSI Baltimore provides vital grant support and shares its expertise about proven and promising practice with their grantors, the Baltimore Community Fellows, the business community, the broader philanthropic community and city and state government leaders."

Diana Morris is a very bright star in the galaxy of Broadmead's star speakers,. Morris adds to Broadmead's special reputation for offering outstanding programs with outstanding speakers.



# DOCTOR ADVOCATES SINGLE PAYER HEALTH SYSTEM

*By Marcia Reinke*

Citing statistics comparing American medicine to medicine in the rest of the developed world, Margaret Flowers, M.D., a pediatrician, urged her Broadmead audience at an Open Forum last month to learn about - and press government for - an across-the-board single payer system, similar to Medicare.

"The United States is unique in that it is one of only three industrialized nations without a health system," she said. "As a result we pay a lot. We have poor outcomes. We don't focus on preventive care. There are so many barriers, the incentive is not to get care until we need it, sometimes too late. We have increasing health disparities and a shortage of doctors, especially in primary care," she said.

Illustrating with graphs, Dr. Flowers said the United States is "already spending more public dollars than other nations which cover everybody, and we have 50 million people uninsured." Cost is not the issue, she said. Our government spends twice as much per capita on public programs (Medicare, Medicaid, veterans and programs for children and the disabled) than other nations, while health-related costs have forced a million Americans into medical bankruptcy and one third of the remainder into deciding between health care and the mortgage, utility, food and other bills. "Our government is already spending enough to take care of universal health care," she said.

"And we're not doing very well. We're ranked 37th in the world in health outcomes. We're the only industrialized nation which has a rising infant mortality rate. We have the highest maternal mortality of industrialized countries and a lower life expectancy," she said. Some parts of our country, notably Baltimore, are comparable to the third world. We are higher than 19 other industrialized countries in preventable deaths. Only 49% in the U.S. get preventive care, even among the insured. Having health insurance doesn't really protect us, she said.

Dr. Flowers explained that health insurers don't have a long view, because most only insure consumers for a few years before their companies change carriers, or they change jobs or they become eligible for Medicare. The incentive for insurance companies is to avoid care, she said. Noting that insurance premiums rose 80% from 2000-2006, she said the free market doesn't work in health care. In the traditional market you make a profit by providing a product. In health care, you make a

profit by denying the product, she said.

Dr. Flowers, a resident of Sparks, trained at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was director of the pediatric hospitalist program at Carroll County General Hospital and then in private practice in Reisterstown and at Oldfields School. Married to a surgeon and the mother of three teenagers, she is currently co-chair of the Maryland Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, an active member of Health Care Now of Maryland, and on the steering committee of the Leadership Conference of the Guaranteed Health Care/National Single Payer Alliance. A recent survey indicates that 59% of physicians today favor single payer, a 10% increase in the past five years.

Noting that primary care is the backbone of a good health system, Dr. Flowers said the United States, including Maryland, is losing primary care physicians. Primary care does not pay as well as specialties and the average doctor comes out of medical school with \$150,000 in debt. Other countries, many of which have state-supported medical schools, have strong primary care components, allowing them to deliver quality care without spending as much money, she said.

The system being proposed by Physicians for a National Health Program would work very much like Medicare. A government agency would be involved only to the extent that it would collect money via an increase in the payroll tax from approximately 1.45% to 4.75%, and it would pay the doctors, hospitals and other health care providers. Patients could continue to choose their own doctors, hospitals and other providers all of whom would be in one "network", a system which, she believes, would foster good competition among providers. For doctors and other providers the extensive staff now needed to handle insurance claims would be replaced by one swipe of a Visa-like National Health System Card.

Eliminated from such a system would be insurance companies (which account for some 30% of current health care costs), except to the extent that they might be contracted to handle some of the administration but not the underwriting. Consumers could still use private insurance for certain elective procedures. Dr. Flowers anticipates that a single payer system would include mental and dental health, eye care and substance abuse.

The single payer bill now before the Congress is HR676. Maryland legislation is expected to go nowhere except possibly to a study committee this year. More information may be found on line at [www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org) or [www.mdsinglepayer.org](http://www.mdsinglepayer.org).



## FORTY-THREE YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

*By Sally Bloomer*

There she appeared from behind the stage curtain of Kraushaar Auditorium. The full house broke into a prolonged ovation. President Ungar stood back beaming until the applause died down. His introduction of her was preceded by the presentation of \$250,000 from a graduate in honor of her mother, also an alumna. The money was to be used to establish a program on ethics in journalism which many people associated with the guest speaker.

**HELEN THOMAS** remained seated --a little hunched over in her black outfit with low comfortable looking black shoes. President Ungar made it easy for her. No speech required; just answer some questions from the President and then from Goucher students. The first question encouraged her to talk about the presidents she had known in her forty-three years covering the White House. As you might have guessed she spoke of the charming, dynamic occupant who had the vision to create the Man to the Moon program, the Peace Corps, and Head Start. Lamentably, JFK was not to witness the success of the moon program but gets credit for its formation.

She was ready for another question, but President Ungar was not ready to ask a new question. "Could you describe your personal observations of other presidents?" He named them one by one. Here are a few highlights: President Johnson: He is to be much admired for his social legislation including civil rights voting, the Medicare program, and extending the social security system. He was a master politician and knew how to work with Congress. Jimmy Carter: He was a true liberal, but failed to establish a relationship with Congress. As Helen put it "There was a chasm between the two". Bush 41: He kept the seat warm. Bill Clinton: He could have been an outstanding president, but Congress was not about to let him get away with the personal transgressions that they would for Kennedy. He did leave us with a surplus in the budget. Bush 43: He was the worst president she has known. He lied to us and was too secretive. In her view presidents should not get away with lies. She believes there should be an investigation as to why we went to war in Iraq. Obama: He gets a pass; too early to tell. She is criti-

cal on two points: 1. He should conduct an investigation of the lead up to the Iraqi War and treatment of prisoners. 2. Obama should have accepted limits on campaign financing. Congress does not let us know what is going on either. Truth in journalism is rare. Unfortunately, being there first with the story is vital. Her advice to young people as well as all voters is to keep informed, ask questions, and vote. Or even take to the streets, if necessary! "Do we really want to continue the war in Afghanistan?!"

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MICROCIRCULATION

*By Ted Wilson*

On Saturday March 21, Dr. Maurice Langham addressed the Men's Social Hour. Born, raised, and educated in the London area, he recalled being evacuated to the countryside when London was being bombed in World War II. As a boy chorister he sang in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of George VI and, as a youth, he participated in the care of weary, weaponless British soldiers landing in England during the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.

As his education advanced, he became interested in organic chemistry and found, in studying the new antibiotic penicillin, that it was actually a group of penicillins and he was instrumental in isolating the important active component. As he became deeply involved in physiology research, he was advised not to go with what was the "fashion" of the day, but to investigate new areas. This led him to the study of microcirculation where the smallest blood vessels come in contact with cells, bringing oxygen and nutrients and carrying away products of cell metabolism. Lack of oxygen and nutrients leads to poor tissue health and is a key factor in many disease processes.

His work in research took him to this country as well as England. It took him to those areas where River Blindness is prevalent as microfilaria block vessels in the eye. He studied the relationship of pulsatile circulation in the human eye to that of the brain and has published widely in this field. He has created a new Chair at Hopkins to be devoted to research in microcirculation which will have critical application in a variety of human diseases.



## A VISIT TO IRVINE NATURE CENTER

*By Nancy Allchin*

On a cold morning in early April, twenty-nine stalwart Broadmead residents visited the new Irvine Nature Center in the Caves Valley area of Baltimore County. On arriving we assembled in the aptly-named Fern Classroom (a fern is in the logo). Dick Gibbs, the Executive Director Ex-officio, explained the "green" features of the building, those which save energy and save water. We saw construction photos of the 300-ft deep wells drilled under the parking lot for the geothermal heating system, the most energy-saving feature. High clerestory windows in the large Exhibit Hall provide natural daylight to reduce the use of electricity. The parking lot has a pervious surface and is underlined with 12" of crushed stone to allow quick drainage of rain to prevent erosion. Water-saving toilets are in the restrooms; there are no paper towels, but instead quick, powerful hand driers. A vegetated roof over a flat area will soak up water and help keep the Nature Store underneath cool in the summer.

Our group next trooped down the trail to the Gazebo where the woods opened up to a grand view of the 116 acres given to Irvine by the State. Naturalist Rachel Felling accompanied us as we saw the aviary with several owls, a bird observation blind where students can watch cardinals, nuthatches and other birds that come to the bird-feeding stations. One area of the woods is enclosed with net fencing to keep out the deer and allow Irvine to grow ferns and other native plants. Bluebird houses in the open area are monitored as they are here at Broadmead.

Since Irvine's mission is to inspire appreciation and conservation of the natural environment, much of the education is conducted in these outside areas. Education is further enhanced inside at the Gibbs Exhibit Hall. Our group wandered through displays of turtles, bird nests, a demonstration beehive, watershed maps, and many more hands-on exhibits especially attractive to children.

After a visit to the Nature Store, as our bus headed back to Broadmead, several of our group noticed the silo-like structure on the west side of the building. This, it was explained, is a storage area, not for corn fodder, but for storing bird seed... (What else?)

## IF I WERE A TREE

*By Ruth S. Williams*

If I were a tree  
Instead of me  
How would life be,  
If I were a tree?

I could not walk.  
I could not talk.  
I could not see,  
If I were a tree.

I might grow tall.  
I might stay small.  
In summer I'd be green,  
In autumn, tangerine,

And when the snow falls,  
I'd be buried by squalls.  
I could not sail a boat  
To places remote,

Nor write a book,  
Learn how to cook,  
Party all night long,  
Or sing a love song.

So you can be a tree.  
I'd rather be me.

## SPRING

*By Flo Rice Dunlop*

To the green lace woods of April,  
Quickly! Before the larger leaves fill up the  
view,  
Hiding the serene roll of brown hills.  
Before new tangle obscuring the forest floor,  
Covers the movement of life.  
Run! To catch those brief days and receive  
their gift.  
The tree in me fills up as well.  
No leaves here, but trunks and branches  
alive with feeling  
Large enough to crack a rib.



## TONYA JANE

*Bob Herrmann*

Her name was Tonya Jane Poblanko and she was head of her class in high school. She was eighteen years old and had an older brother, Ralph, who was in college and a younger sister, Shirley, who was in high school. Her mother had died at childbirth. Her father, Joseph, was born in Kiev and immigrated to the United States with his family at age 17. He had a high school education and worked as a machinist in the local steel mill where he belonged to the steel workers union. He was hard working, obeyed all the rules, arrived at work on time, provided well for his family on a limited income and was a wonderful, loving father. However, he was of the old school which involved a strict code regarding the upbringing and lives of women. He believed that a woman's place was in the home, cooking, taking care of babies and house keeping, and not going to college. He approved of his son, Ralph, going to Cornell where he had a scholarship but was strongly opposed to either of his daughters going to college even if they had scholarships. He had discussed this matter with his friends in the union and they all agreed. They felt that a girl should get married at an early age, preferably to someone selected by the family, and have babies. This did not require a college education.

Tonya Jane loved her father, whom she referred to as "Daddy", and understood how he felt about college. However, ever since she was a little girl when she learned about Madame Curie and her discovery of the mysterious radioactive element, radium, she had an overwhelming desire to become a scientist. This, of course, would require a college education. She decided to discuss the matter with her brother Ralph to whom she was strongly attached and seek his advice.

Ralph understood the problem immediately since he had been listening to Tonya Jane's pipe dreams for years and was well aware of his father's negative attitude about college for girls. He was a strong supporter of women's rights and not only urged her to make her own decisions but also offered to help her seek a scholarship in the biomedical field. This all came true when the University of California offered her a full scholarship in neuro-feedback technology, the biomedical field of her choice.

Although her father strongly objected, she accepted the scholarship and moved to San Diego, California where she not only enrolled in College, but also found a temporary job in a Merck laboratory processing research samples. For the next three years she studied hard, worked in the Merck lab diligently, and also embarked on a research project of

her own on techniques for controlling salmonella.

Communications between Tonya Jane and her father had come to a virtual standstill. She was worried and constantly blamed herself for the decisions that she had made. She had written "Daddy" but he did not respond. She loved her father and missed him but did not know what to do.

Then something happened that eventually changed everything. A paper that she had written on a sterilization technique for controlling the salmonella bacterium was published in the Harvard Medical Review, and she was offered a fellowship, after graduation, for research in the biomedical field at Harvard.

She had kept in close touch with Ralph throughout the years and confided in him on all matters of importance. She told him about the offer from Harvard and the paper that was published; but she did not tell her father since she thought he would be opposed. Ralph was impressed and lost no time in congratulating her on her achievements and urged her to accept the offer from Harvard. She also told him about her new boyfriend, Charlie Webster who was studying to become a doctor. Charlie shared her love of music and nature and they were inseparable companions during their free hours.

She thought long and hard about the Harvard offer since she knew it would affect her father emotionally, but she was older now and no longer "Daddy's" little girl. She realized that she would have to make a difficult decision.

Shortly after talking to Ralph, she was surprised to receive a letter from her father. The letter said "I am very proud of you and congratulate you on your accomplishments. I am sorry for neglecting you as I have done for the past few years and ask for your forgiveness. I have missed you very much. Love, Daddy. P.S. May I come to your graduation next year?" Tonya Jane was overcome. This was a completely unexpected, but delightful, surprise - one to be remembered forever.

Days were pleasant from then on. Communications with "Daddy" were frequent and Charlie became a much-needed part of her life. She had plenty of time to think about Harvard and finally made a decision on their offer. She announced it to the family when they were gathered at a birthday party for Shirley. She told them that she would turn down Harvard's offer and marry Charlie instead.

Her father was delighted; Ralph approved and Shirley said "Has Charlie asked you to marry him?" Tonya Jane said "No. But if he doesn't, I will ask him!"

Tonya Jane slept peacefully that night. Just before she dropped off to sleep she thought, "This works out perfectly; Daddy will be happy, I will be happy, and Charlie will be happy - I hope."



## BIRD & NATURE GROUP

*By Nancy Allchin*

### Meeting

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
In the Fireplace Room, Lower Level

## MUSIC EVENTS

*By Phil Schnering*

### LET'S SING

With Herb Merrick at the Piano

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.  
In the auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

## OPERA VIDEO .

*By Harry Blumenthal*

### I PURITANI,

Opera by Vincenzo Bellini.  
Metropolitan Opera. ( 149 minutes.)

Bellini's version of the British Civil War may not be historically accurate, but it has great melodies.

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

## MAY BIBLE STUDY

**The Reverend Kingsley Smith**  
Of Immanuel Episcopal Church  
will discuss two books from the middle of Hebrew Bible: Ecclesiastes and Solomon's Song of Songs.

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> in the Fireplace Room  
May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Seminar Room.  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT BROADMEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month at 10:30 a.m.

### EPISCOPAL COMMUNION

Taylor East lounge – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church  
York Road, Cockeysville.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month at 10:00 a.m.

### CATHOLIC MASS

Taylor East lounge – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Sponsored by the Catholic Community of  
St. Francis Xavier, Cuba Road, Hunt Valley.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month at 10:30 a.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNION

Stony Run Activities Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Sponsored by Ashland Presbyterian Church.

## FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Stony Run Board Room

## VESPERS

*by Randy McKechnie*

Sunday in the Lounge  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

The Rev'd Mrs. Loree Penner  
St. James' Church, Monkton

Everybody please come to welcome Mrs. Penner  
and her wonderful piano-playing daughters.



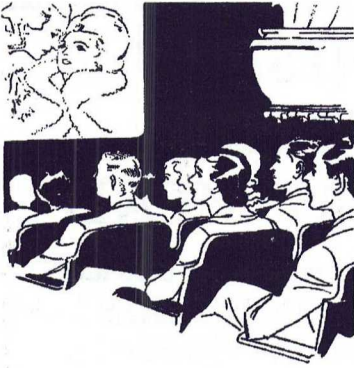
## LET'S DANCE

*By Ted Wilson*

**with the  
George Hipp Trio**

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. In the Lounge,





## BROADMEAD MOVIES

*Tuesday movies*  
By Priscilla Stieff  
& Florence Platt,  
*Saturday movies by*  
Jeanne Stephenson,  
Dick Dunlop &  
Ruth Sutherland

**May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### MARLEY AND ME

This film centers on Jennifer and John Grogan who, as newlyweds about to start a family, learn many of life's important lessons from Marley, their lovable but trouble-seeking dog. This heartwarming story examines the highs and lows of marriage and maturity and confronting one's own mortality as seen through the lens of family life with a dog.

2008 PG13 110 minutes

**May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### MILK

Sean Penn (in an Oscar winning role) stars in this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with Mayor George Mascone by a disgruntled city employee. Nominated for Best Picture Academy Award.

2008 R 120 minutes

**May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### THE FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON

Puppet Theater voice Suzanne (Juliette Binoche) lives with her young son Simon in a tiny Parisian apartment. She leaves most of the mothering to a baby sitter, and she and Simon become intrigued by a red balloon that follows them around the city. A beautiful film.

2007 NR 115 minutes

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### WEST SIDE STORY

Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Rita Moreno. Choreography by Jerome Robbins; music by Leonard Bernstein. Maria, a Puerto Rican, and Tony an American, are lovers. A quarrel exists between the Puerto Rican "Sharks" and the American "Jets" over a piece of playground. They agree on a fight with fists - a "Rumble" - to decide the matter. Knives are introduced and Tony is killed. One of the Jets places a black scarf on the kneeling Maria's head

1961 NR 151 minutes

**May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### FROST/NIXON

Based on a Broadway play centered on a series of revelatory TV interviews former President Richard Nixon granted British talk show host David Frost in 1977. Nominated for five Oscars including best picture.

2008 R 123 minutes

## SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

*by Sue Schlenger*

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, ongoing, in the auditorium

### KENTUCKY DERBY CELEBRATION

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., in the lounge

### RAGTIME DANCE DEMONSTRATION GROUP

May 16<sup>th</sup>, ongoing, in the auditorium

### PREAKNESS CELEBRATION

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium

### A TRIP TO AMISH LAND

Video, with Margaret Proctor

## OPEN FORUM

*By Sonia Blumenthal*

In the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Major Neill Franklin**  
**(Ret.) Maryland State Police**  
**"LEGALIZING DRUGS -**  
**A SERIOUS DISCUSSION"**

May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Joseph P. Babinski, Adjunct Professor of**  
**Ethics and Management Operations,**  
**Towson University**  
**"BUSINESS ETHICS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY"**

May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Bruce Elliott, WBAL, Radio Talk Show Host**  
**"THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN**  
**AND HOW THE MEDIA AFFECTED IT"**



# HITHER, THITHER AND YAWN

*With Foxy Georgia*

Well, here 'tis just what you have been waiting for...Spring!!.. but things have been so busy round here, hardly noticed you kids really keep things humming!!!

Anne and Charlie Lee and Ruth Williams, jogged our memory and Virginia Cooley added to the evening with the Play Readers Group, and did they ever hit the spot .. If you missed it, that's your loss. It was a big draw. hardly a vacant seat.(Good strong voices and good mike assist...many thanks for both! )...

My paws and whiskers!... The sun came out!. We rushed outdoors and joined the tree huggers... and now, want to know why the trees aren't labeled... Just a ground insert label would help us dolts, so please? huh? Nancy Allchin organized a series of talks (thanks to Adventures in Learning ) by experts from the Irvine Nature Center, and then the bus took us to see the Center.. Took the nature walk, spied Bill Eddison resting while Nancy and Doug Warner, Virginia Schurman, Dottie Krug, Barbara Vosburgh ,Julie Wang, Hertha Krotkoff, Peggy Taliaferro, and Don Smyth hit the nature trail (Time out to brag... ours is much better!! You're gonna like the way it looks, we guarantee it.)

Keep on discovering new things 'bout you kids. Elaine McDonald can really paint and draw; had a great exhibit in the East Hall, which she shared with Julie Wang, and her most distinctive style art work but the one who keeps us on the hop is Frank Iber. having whipped through the medical world, we now find him doing audio-visual work, play reading, folk dancing, dog walking, table hopping, book discussion group, barn sale, loading and selling (you should have seen him lugging the dummy down to the lower level! ...no comment)...wonder what he does in his spare time?.. And, speaking of dummies, get John Robbins to tell you about that same above mentioned dummy and the conversation she had with one of our customers...you wouldn't believe it, but how can we doubt John..?

And here we are now, in the midst of our ever popular Barn Sale, which did remarkably well, in spite of the current situation... Weezie Davis and her army of gems, the 2 Priscillas, Norma Jane Danzer, Bea Post and others were among her 14 caret salesladies. John Robbins and his furniture committee, new boys Tom Nuttle, Tom Cockey, and old timers, Ed Crawford, Alex Kaufman, Bob Morrison, Walt Hudson, Dwight Hastings, were the Easy Movers here at Broadmead. And guess what? he's got 2 gals in his group: ..Joyce Griffith and Margaret Proctor... Talk about breaking the glass ceiling!! Linda King and a cast of thousands moved a lotta clothes, and Shirley Christie rounded up the vols. who made it all possible. Old Faithfulls like Bette Holliday, Paula Balser, Sally Crosby, Bonnie Cox, Martha Robbins, Bobby Dunlap, Mary Nichols, Sally Weinman, and new girls Marilyn Nuttle, Elborg Forster .. How can we possibly name you all? But many thanks to all of whoever you are; we couldn't do it without you!!

Magda Reissig, that super bag and shoe lady,

who works miracles in her inventory, and Agnes Visy, who outsells Amazon in the book dept, and new chair Ben Villalobos in the electronic dept. and. Joan Tapley, Helen Hodgson in glass and china, and the favorite pots and pans gals, Barbara Smith and Georgia Erlbeck, and the linen lady, lil' dearie, Donna Smith, and Bobbie Siebens and Alice Giles and their gang.. if you have been left out, you're still in our hearts, so mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa... All thanks to you all, those who worked behind scenes also.. wow!!! Unnumbered hours!! You deserve a bonus tax free. All of you !!

Those Swellness girls, Jody and Julie offered us a trip to Hawaii, and we really needed it. The winners were Linda King, Frank Iber (what vitality... a real role model!) Bob Fetter, who journeyed all the way... Well, some of us got nearly there and there were several who got as far as Catonsville... Then there was an award luncheon and Linda, the Mousekatcher, was honored for all her endeavors, with pineapple upside down cake and punch. And the aloha crowd did the hula...(mentally)

Which brings out the Brain Aerobics crowd, Fran Peterson, Sita Smith, Sarah Korn, Nancy Allchin, Bob Forster, Anna Lee.. They come to sharpen up those cells up there, but - guess what... one time no teacher came.. The date was changed, but someone forgot to pass that info along... ho! ho! ho!

And you think you have problems? Fan Whitman's horn started to blow and what to do? what to do? Couldn't find the right button or the owner's manual, but Broadmead came to the rescue! Henry Clay and two maintenance men appeared out of the blue and blew out the blow

Two Dance groups kept us one our toes also, the Goucher group did the 1940's stuff and afterwards, some of our kids showed off our stuff.. Sally Crosby and cane and Frank Knipp made a delightful trio. The Forsters have obviously danced together once or twice before, the Friendly Folk Dancers worked up a lot of enthusiasm also, with Carol McCord, Ann Allen, Don Smyth, Fleecy Platt, Bonnie Cox, Frank Iber (again), prexy John Michener and the Bensons, Hope and Bill showing us how it's done, but good!! But they still need to be able to count up to 8

Soon, everybody in the whole state will be reading "A Song to be Sung", by James McBride.. EXCEPT the "good ole boys" at Broadmead.. Wassa matta? Come on, guys; don't be shy; grab a copy from the Bookmobile, and come to the Book Reading group.. Promise ya, the gals will let you talk; in fact they will hang on to every pear shaped tone you utter.. Here's a chance to strut yo' stuff. Try it; you'll like it!!..... but hey, why wait? come anytime , whether you've read the book or not...

Before this ends, just want to say how much we enjoy the Rev Kingsley Smith who comes to us from Immanuel Church. John Dehoff, Colin MacLachlan, Cynthia Ballard are among the regulars, and we all look forward to another series with him in May

This is just about it, folks...forgive mistakes and omissions and will do the same for you 'nuff said...

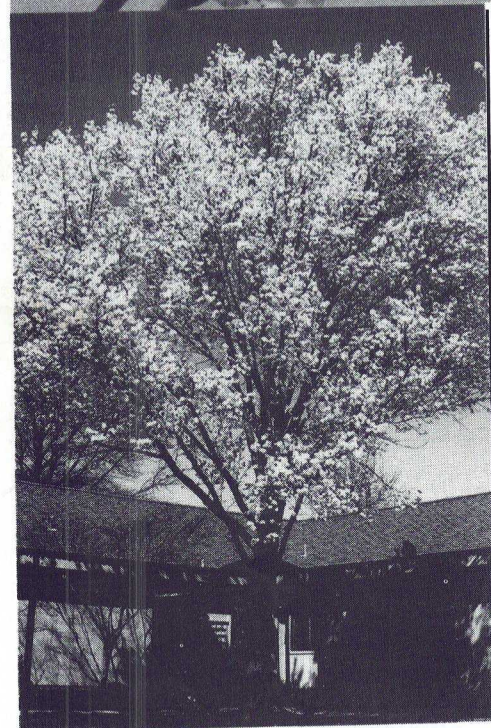
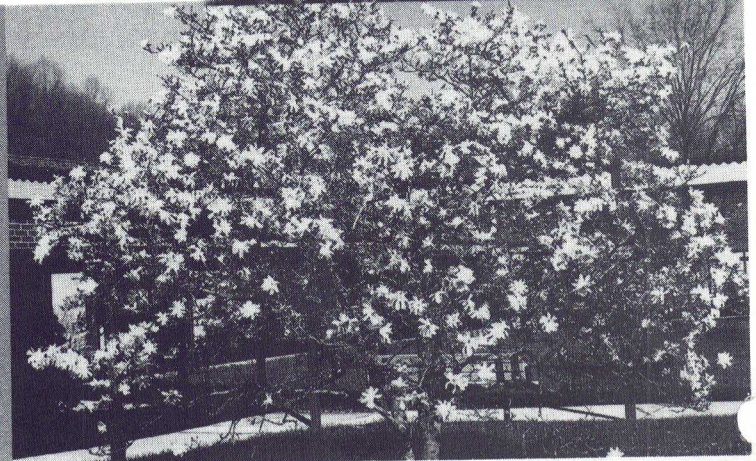


# SPRING @ BROADMEAD!

*Photos by Mary Frances Wagley*

**To the right: A Star Magnolia in Cluster N.**

**Below: A Bradford Pear in Cluster H.**



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